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2007 Oilseed Summary

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Montana's **flaxseed** production in 2007 was 180,000 bushels, down from 297,000 bushels a year ago, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Growers planted 21,000 acres and harvested 20,000 acres in 2007, compared with 35,000 acres planted and 33,000 acres harvested in 2006. The average yield for 2007 was 9 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year.

Production of **mustard seed** for 2007 was 6.63 million pounds, compared with 3.93 million in 2006. Planted acres were 15,000, up 8,000 from last year. Harvested acres were 13,000, compared with 6,900 acres in 2006. Mustard seed yields averaged 510 pounds per acre in 2007, down 60 pounds per acre from a year ago.

Montana **canola** growers planted 8,000 acres in 2007, down 2,000 acres from 2006. Harvested acreage was 7,700 acres, down 2,100 acres from last year. The 2007 canola yield was 1,310 pounds per acre, up 190 pounds per acre from a year ago. Canola production totaled 10.09 million pounds, down 889,000 pounds from 10.98 million pounds in 2006. Production was the lowest since the series began in 1999.

Growers produced 30.3 million pounds of **safflower**, up 9 percent from last year. Safflower planted acres for 2007 totaled 38,000, with 36,500 acres harvested. Last year there were 39,000 acres planted with 37,000 acres harvested. Yield was 830 pounds per acre, up 80 pounds per acre from 2006.

Montana's 2007 all **sunflower** production was 3.0 million pounds, compared with 4.5 million pounds produced in 2006. Producers in the state planted 2,600 acres and harvested 2,500 acres in 2007, compared with 3,600 planted acres and 3,500 harvested acres last year. The average yield was 1,186 pounds per acre for 2007, down 92 pounds per acre from last year.

U.S. production of **flaxseed** in 2007 totaled 5.90 million bushels, down 46 percent from last year and 70 percent below 2005. The average yield is estimated at 16.9 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from 2006. Planted area for the 2007 crop is estimated at 354,000 acres, down 56 percent from last year. Planted acreage is down significantly in all four States in the estimating program (Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota) as favorable prices for other crops discouraged some producers from planting flaxseed. Harvested area, at 349,000 acres, is down 54 percent from 2006.

In North Dakota, the leading flaxseed State, production totaled 5.55 million bushels, down 46 percent from 2006. Growers harvested 317,000 acres of flaxseed in 2007, down 56 percent from last year to the lowest level since 1998. The average yield in North Dakota is estimated at 17.5 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from last year.

Mustard seed production in 2007 increased 13 percent from last year to 31.8 million pounds, the first time since 2002 that production increased compared with the previous year. Planted area, at 56,000 acres, is up 38 percent and harvested area, at 52,800 acres, is up 35 percent from 2006. Yields averaged 603 pounds per acre, 117 pounds below a year ago.

Canola production in 2007 is 1.45 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2006 but down 3 percent from the October forecast. The yield, at 1,250 pounds per acre, is down 116 pounds from last year's yield and down 62 pounds from October. Planted area is estimated at 1.18 million acres, 13 percent above last year's acreage. Harvested area, at 1.16 million acres, is up 14 percent from 2006. Production in North Dakota, the leading canola-producing State, is estimated at 1.33 billion pounds, up 4 percent from last year due to a 14 percent increase in harvested acreage.

Safflower production in 2007, at 209 million pounds, is up 6 percent from the revised 2006 production. Growers planted 180,000 acres in 2007, a decrease of 5 percent from last year, while harvested area, at 172,000 acres, is down 4 percent from the previous year. The yield, at 1,215 pounds per acre, increased 115 pounds from 2006. California producers led the Nation, producing 114 million pounds of safflower.

The 2007 **sunflower** production totals 2.89 billion pounds, up 35 percent from 2006 but down 28 percent from 2005. The U.S. average yield per acre increased 226 pounds from last year to 1,437 pounds. Planted area, at 2.07 million acres, is 6 percent above last year but 24 percent below 2005. Area harvested increased 14 percent from last year to 2.01 million acres.

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